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**Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final decision of the Examiner dated December 18, 2002, in which claims 1 and 52-84 were finally or twice rejected.

The fee (for a large entity) for filing a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)), along with any necessary extension fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)), is included in our PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form. In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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